

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5 – 11, 13 – 15, 17 - 20, 22 – 29, 31 – 33, 35, 37 – 40, 43 – 46, 48 - 50, and 53 – 62 are were pending in this application.

Restriction Requirement


In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elected herein without traverse Group 1, Claims 1-2, 5-11, 13-15, 17-20, 22-29, 31-33, 35, 37-40, and 43-46. Accordingly, Claims 48-50, 53-55 and 57-62 have been withdrawn.

Claim Amendments

The Office Action states that Claims 44-46 should be amended to be dependent on Claim 43 instead of Claim 42. Applicant has made the suggested claim revisions herein.

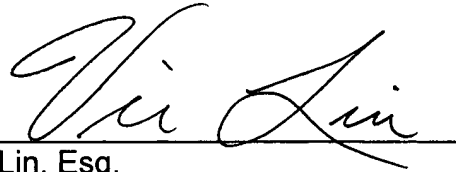
Based on the above amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and requests a Notice of Allowance. Applicant encourages the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney if it appears that a telephone conference would facilitate allowance of the application.

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